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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application  
based on International Application No. PCT/EP98/06951  
Filed November 3, 1998  
Inventor(s) *KESSLER et al.*

For: **SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION METHOD**

Attorney Docket No.: 4817/0P

**TRANSMITTAL UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371 FOR ENTRY INTO NATIONAL  
STAGE UNDER PCT**

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Applicants submit herewith the following documents under 35 U.S.C. §371:

1. A copy of the international application and an English translation thereof (including Declaration of translator);
2. National filing fee;
3. Amendments to the claims in international application made under Article 19 and an English translation thereof;
4. A Preliminary Amendment;

5. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (in triplicate); and
6. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (unexecuted).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application as entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

At page 1, line 1, of the amendment of claims under PCT Article 19, please delete "Claims" and insert therefor --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: --.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method [Method] for the detection of a nucleic acid comprising the steps:

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